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REPORT

OF THE

CINCINNATI BRANCH

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A. S. Sanitary Commission

FROM

December 1, 1861, to December 1, 1864,

THREE YEARS.

PRINTED BY ORDER OF

CINCINNATI BRANCH U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION.

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ROOMS OF THE CINCINNATI BRANCH U. S. SANITARY COM., }
Cincinnati, January 1, 1865.

Resolutions containing the action of the Commission in reference to the following report, viz.:

November 17, 1864:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee prepare a report of the Receipts and Disbursements of our Commission, from its organization to the present time, suitable for publication. Adopted.

December 29, 1864.—The Executive Committee presented a report in accordance with the above resolution, which was adopted and ordered to be printed.

December 29, 1864:

Resolved, That the President be instructed to request the Chamber of Commerce to appoint a Committee to examine the foregoing report before publication. Adopted.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E.

CINCINNATI BRANCH U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION, }
Cincinnati, December 20, 1864. }

GEO. F. DAVIS, Esq., *President of Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce:*

Dear Sir: We have prepared for publication a financial report, which, before it is given to the public, we desire shall be verified by a committee from the Chamber of Commerce.

Will you have the kindness, at your earliest convenience, to appoint such committee, and oblige,

Yours truly,

R. W. BURNET, *President.*

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, CINCINNATI, }
Chamber of Commerce, Dec. 30, 1864. }

R. W. BURNET, Esq.,

President Cincinnati Branch U. S. Sanitary Commission:

Dear Sir: Your favor of this date is to hand, requesting the appointment of a committee from the Chamber of Commerce to examine the financial report of your Commission before it is given to the public.

I take pleasure in complying with your request, and have appointed for the purpose, Messrs. Adolph Wood, J. W. Sibley and H. Morris Johnston.

Yours truly,

GEO. F. DAVIS, *President.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

To the Board of Officers of the Chamber of Commerce, Cincinnati, O.:

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, a committee from the Chamber, appointed to examine into and report upon the financial operations of the Cincinnati Branch of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, by invitation of that body, beg leave to report as follows:

We have made a reasonably thorough examination, to us a *perfectly satisfactory* investigation, of the books and accounts of the Commission, which was much facilitated by the simplicity and precision of the system they have adopted in keeping them, from which we deduce the following facts:

In the three years, between the first of December, 1861, and the first of December, 1864, they have expended in the purchase of Sanitary Supplies, in the support of the Soldiers' Home in this city, and other aid extended to sick and wounded soldiers, the sum of \$223,975 38
And have distributed supplies donated, amount-

ing, at a strictly fair and moderate valuation, to 856,000 00

Total \$1,079,975 38

Of the first sum, in the distribution of these stores, they have expended in the same time, three years, for a secretary to keep the accounts and attend to the correspondence (articles donated being acknowledged in detail), laborers to unpack, assort and repack in condition for shipment, the boxes, barrels and bundles of the various articles donated; drayage to and from their storehouse, and for freight to Cincinnati, and from Cincinnati to the points of distribution, eighteen thousand one hundred and forty-seven dollars and thirty-six cents (\$18,147 36), or *one and 68-100th per cent. of the whole amount.* In other words, it has cost but *little over one cent and a half on each one dollar's worth of supplies, to convey to and place in the hands of soldiers, the munificent gift of the people of one million and seventy-nine thousand*

nine hundred and seventy-five dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$1,079,975 38).

On the first day of December, 1864, there remained in the treasury ninety-six thousand two hundred and forty-six dollars and 20 cents (\$96,246 20), invested in United States securities, upon which they realize as they have need, obtaining the benefit of the interest meanwhile, which, up to the time of making the report, *exceeds all the expenses of the business from the commencement.* These securities were exhibited to us by their treasurer, the First National Bank, by order of the Executive Committee, who have furnished us with every facility at their command, in the pursuit of our investigation.

This Commission reports to no other, and the members are not directly responsible to any, except the people, for the manner in which their business is transacted.

So great has been the confidence of those whose trusts they were administering, that no question has been raised as to the propriety of their management, and no investigation has been thought necessary until asked for by themselves.

The high character for integrity and business ability of the gentlemen composing the Commission, gave promise that the work which they had voluntarily undertaken, without hope of pecuniary reward, would be well performed. How well that hope has been sustained, let the above figures testify. Certainly their labors have resulted in a more thorough and direct appropriation of the means furnished for this great charity, to their proper object, than any had reason to expect.

To them be the honor of applying so completely and so well what our people have so cheerfully given to relieve the sufferings of the brave defenders of Liberty and Union.

Respectfully, your obedient servants,

ADOLPH WOOD,

J. W. SIBLEY,

H. MORRIS JOHNSTON,

Committee from the Chamber of Commerce.
CINCINNATI, December 31, 1864.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF

CINCINNATI BRANCH UNITED STATES SANITARY COMMISSION,

From December 1, 1861, to December 1, 1864.

The Executive Committee of the Cincinnati Branch of the United States Sanitary Commission, to whom was assigned the duty of preparing for publication a statement of its financial condition, respectfully submit the following report :

Total Cash Receipts and Expenditures.

December, 1861, to December, 1864 (received).....	\$320,221 53
" " " (expended).....	223,975 38

The work involving the expenditure of the sum stated above, will be exhibited in detail in the accompanying tables.

It may be described as consisting mainly in the chartering and fitting out of hospital steamers and cars for the purpose of conveying relief to the wounded and sick at various camps and battle-fields, as Fort Donaldson, Pittsburg Landing, Nashville, Chattanooga, Memphis, Vicksburg, etc., and assisting in transporting them comfortably to the nearest hospitals; in the purchase of medicines and other articles not furnished by the Aid Societies, or not furnished by them in quantities commensurate with the demand; in maintaining a central depot, with the requisite clerks, porters and laborers, for receiving, assorting, repacking and forwarding sanitary stores; and in the maintenance of a Soldiers' Home.

The details of the cash receipts and disbursements will be exhibited in table "A."

The total amount of Sanitary Stores distributed by the Branch, will be exhibited in table "B," which includes all articles purchased, as well as those contributed by the Aid Societies. We have to exclude from this exhibit a great many packages sent to us to be forwarded to particular regiments, companies and individuals designated by the donors, the contents of which were not known; as also a large amount of miscellaneous articles of which no record has been kept, such as Bibles, Testaments, books and pamphlets, pencils, pens and penholders, letter paper, envelopes, etc.

The conciseness of a financial report will not permit us to enlarge upon that part of the Commission's work usually denominated "Special Relief." A few items in this department are given, viz.: the amounts expended upon "Hospital Steamers and Cars," upon the "Home," and for "Transportation of Destitute Soldiers to their Homes." The aid furnished in fitting up hospitals and providing nurses and cooks; in procuring proper food and accommodations for the *Squirrel Hunters* and others who came by thousands to defend our city in times of *threatened invasion*; the efforts to procure a suitable resting place for the honored remains of the brave men who had returned, sick or wounded, from the battle-field to die, and which, with the generous assistance of the State legislature, and the Directors of Spring Grove Cemetery, resulted in the appropriation for that purpose of one of the most beautiful portions of *our* beautiful "City of the Dead;" and, other important labors, however pleasant it may be for us to dwell upon them, can not be noticed at length here.

A careful estimate of the value of articles distributed by this Branch, at prices far below what they would now cost, gives the following result, viz.:

Value of Contributions (estimated).....	\$856,500 00
" of Purchases.....	181,500 00
Total.....	\$1,038,000 00

Those who feel a desire to know the relation which the above sum bears to the cost of getting that which it represents to the soldiers, can gratify that desire by comparing

with it the sum of the items in table "A," which embrace what is properly called the expenses of the Branch, viz.:

Salaries, etc.....	\$6,962 57
Freights, etc.....	4,978 36
Printing, etc.....	987 23
Drayage, etc.....	2,723 78
Sundries.....	1,678 86
Washing, etc.....	816 56

	\$18,147 36

The percentage will be found to be a little below one and three-quarters per cent.

A statement of the "Disbursements on account of the Soldiers' Home," will be exhibited in table "C." The cost of maintaining this valuable institution, the first of its kind, as your committee believe, in our land, became, very soon after its establishment, too great for our then restricted means. Application was made to the Government for help, which was granted with a liberality which is shown in the amounts credited to the quartermaster's and commissary's departments in the statement. It has been, for a greater or less time, the comfortable home of 94,557 soldiers, furnishing them 442,375 meals, and, with its *doors open at all hours to all soldiers*, it stands this day in our midst a monument of the solicitude of a benign government, and the love of a generous people for their brave defenders.

The value of the work accomplished would be greatly enhanced, could we estimate the services rendered gratuitously by the quartermaster's department in transportation, by the Western Union Telegraph Company, the Express companies, steamboats and railroads, by the Board of Trustees of our public schools, who have furnished the rooms occupied since our organization as an office and a depot, and by those noble men who came forward promptly, when volunteers were called for, to go as surgeons and nurses on the hospital steamers.

In closing this report, we would, in simple justice to the members of the Cincinnati Branch, say, that in all the arduous labors performed by them, involving fatigue and expo-

sure, and often days and weeks of absence from their homes and business, they have neither sought nor received the slightest pecuniary compensation ; and now, at the close of the third year, they are working cordially and harmoniously with all other agencies which are endeavoring in any way to serve the soldiers of the Union.

R. W. BURNET,
THOS. G. ODIORNE,
CHAS. F. WILSTACH,
Executive Committee.

A CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THREE YEARS, TO DECEMBER 1, 1864.

RECEIPTS.

	DISBURSEMENTS.
Received from State of Ohio.....	\$1,000 00
" City of Cincinnati.....	2,000 00
" Citizens of Indiana.....	21 00
" " of Tennessee	10 00
" " of Kentucky	480 00
" " of New York	1,135 90
" " of Cincinnati.....	38,285 78
" of other parts of Ohio.....	14,750 00
" California.....	15,000 00
" Great Western Sanitary Fair, held in Cincinnati, December, 1863.....	235,406 62
" Interest and Premium on Securities.....	12,124 00
For purchases of Medicines for Hospital Boats.....	\$1,412 37
For purchases of 3 sets of Hospital Car Trucks for use on Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad.....	3,108 00
For Salaries to Agents, Clerks, Porters and Laborers, assorting and Repacking stores, shipping, receiving, etc.....	6,962 57
For Freight on Receipts and Shipments.....	4,978 36
For Transportation of destitute Soldiers to their homes.....	946 61
For Printing Bulletins, Reports and Circulars.....	987 23
For Drayages and Express hire.....	2,123 78
For Sundries for Postage, Stationery, Stamps, Boxes, Barrels, Nails, and miscellaneous expenses at rooms.....	1,678 86
For Charter of Hospital Steamboats to different battle fields, for the relief of the sick and wounded, as Port Donaldson, Pittsburgh Landing, Memphis, Nashville, Vicksburg, etc.....	11,272 31
For Soldiers' Home, in addition to aid extended by the U. S. Government.....	5,575 84
For purchase of Sanitary Stores and supplies of every description for general distribution to the Army and Navy, in the Hospitals, Camps and on the Battle fields.....	181,512 89
For washing Bedding, etc., from Hospital Boats, and sold Clothing received in boxes injured by fronts, etc.....	816 56
For Remittances to U. S. Sanitary Com., Washington, May, 1862.....	2,000 00
	<u>\$223,975 38</u>
Remaining on Hand—	
\$60,000 1/20 U. S. Bonds cost.....	\$60,000 00
8,000 1 year Certificates.....	8,000 00
25,000 1 year Certificates.....	24,320 45
Balance in the Bank.....	3,925 75
	<u>96,246 20</u>
Total	\$320,221 58

TABLE B

AGGREGATE RECEIPTS

*Of the Cincinnati Branch of the United States Sanitary Commission,
from December 1st, 1861, to December 1st, 1864.*

Arm Slings, 2,885.	Canteens, 28.
Alum, pulverized, 3 pounds.	Cinnamon, 25 pounds.
Arrow Root, 3 pounds.	Cocoa, 407 pounds.
Ale, 10 brls., 14 half brls., 12 kegs, 2,592 bottles.	Chocolate, 312 pounds.
Apples, green, 1,373 bushels.	Coffins, 72.
Apple Butter, 32 brls., 48 half brls., 104 kegs, 9 boxes, 116 crocks, caus and jars.	Chambers, 344.
Agricultural Implements, 25.	Cologne, 77 bottles and 1 gallon.
Blankets, 5,974.	Chairs, 341.
Bedticks, 9,098.	Coffee, 1,133 pounds.
Bed Gowns, 369.	Chickens, dressed and live, 2,659.
Boots and Shoes, 1,150 pairs.	Citric Acid, 20 bottles.
Bags, 995.	Corn Meal, 10,469 pounds.
Basters, 61.	Coffee Mugs, 402.
Bedsteads, Cots, etc., 732.	Cheese, 1,606 pounds.
Iron Bedsteads, 100.	Corn, parched, 504 pounds.
Bed Pans, 244.	Corn, dried, 757½ pounds.
Bowls, drinking, 3,019.	Cigars, 3 boxes.
Brushes, 305.	Candlesticks, 72.
Beets, 89½ bushels.	Cakes, 2,554 pounds.
Beans, 35½ bushels.	Corn Starch, 7,177 pounds.
Butter, 10,117 pounds.	Collars, 53.
Bread, 2,045 loaves.	Coffee Pots, 87.
Barley, pearl, 8,689 pounds.	Condensed Milk, 61,761 cans.
Buckets, 360.	Cranberries, fresh, 1 brl.
Bowls, wash, 516.	Catsup, 3 brls, 4 half brls, 9 jugs, 2 kegs, 1,134 bottles.
Beef, dried, 9,798½ pounds.	Hospital Car Trucks, 3 sets.
Blacking, 15 boxes.	Cabbage in currie, 12 brls., 376 half brls.
Brooms, 83.	Checker Boards, 31.
Blackberry Root, 137 pounds.	Currant Wine, 2 kegs.
Blackberry Syrup, 3 bbls., 12 kegs and 2 half brls.	Drawers, 45,426 pairs.
Comforts, 18,838.	Dressing Gowns, 3,742.
Cushions, 21,728.	Dried Fruit, 232,000 pounds
Coats, 2,872.	Dishes, 90.
Crutches, 1,100.	Dippers, 49.
Combs, 4,267.	Desks, 3.
Carrots, 6 bushels.	Drinking Tubes, 108.
Cabbage, green, 6 hhd., 10 brls., 181 bushels and 497 heads.	Eggs, 15,313 dozen.
Candles, 118 pounds.	Egg Beaters, 4.
Crackers, 112,046 pounds.	Envelopes, 26,800.
Codfish, 5,460 pounds.	Eye Shades, 1,832.
Cups and Saucers, 270.	Fruits, 70,835 cans, jars, etc.
	Flour, 2 brls.
	Fish, white, 7 brls. and 1 keg.
	Flaxseed, 209 pounds.

Faucets, 24.	Macaroni, 3 boxes.
Fans, 10,214.	Molasses, 4 half bbls, 8 kegs, 15 cans, 15 jugs, 13 bottles and 63 gallons.
Feeders, 180.	Mugs, 200.
Flat-irons, 6.	Musketo Bars, 1,758.
Finger-stalls, 598.	Mess Pans, 28.
Foot-warmers, 6.	Mutton Tallow, 99 cans and $5\frac{1}{2}$ pounds.
Farina, 12,946 pounds.	Mustard Seed, 20 pounds.
Fruit Saucers, 288.	Neck Ties, 903.
Funnels, 2.	Napkins, 1,359.
Fly-brushes, 171	Nuts, walnuts, 6 bushels.
Groceries, sundries, 2,700 pounds.	Nails, 1,350 pounds.
Green Corn, 3 sacks.	Night Caps, 153.
Groats, 100 pounds.	Nutmegs, 13 pounds.
Gastrions, 3 pounds.	Nuts, hickory, 19 bushels.
Grapes, 130 boxes and 2 half boxes.	Oat Meal, 495 pounds.
Ginger, dry, 4 cans and 2,239 pkgs.	Oranges, $23\frac{1}{2}$ boxes.
Ginger, Essence of Jamaica, 16 bottles.	Oysters, 1,310 cans.
Gooseberries, ripe, 9 bushels.	Oakum, 6 packages.
Graters, 22.	Onions, 10,888 bushels.
Garden Seeds, 20 boxes.	Pillows, 26,137.
Gridirons, 4.	Pillow Cases, 71,419.
Handkerchiefs, 64,082.	Pants, 2,939 pairs.
Hats and Caps, 1,084.	Pin-cushions, 8,916.
Housewives, 2,603.	Pigs' Feet, 29 kegs.
Hams, 686.	Pepper, 427 packages, $60\frac{1}{4}$ pounds, 1,160 papers.
Haversacks, 18.	Parsneps, 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ bushels.
Hops, 552 pounds.	Pretzels, 282.
Herbs, 227 packages and $47\frac{1}{2}$ pounds.	Prunes, 280 pounds.
Hatchets, 16.	Porter, 36 dozen.
Herrings, 22 boxes.	Peppers, 6 bottles and 6 jars.
Hominy, 755 pounds.	Potatoes, $27,435\frac{1}{2}$ bushels.
Honey, 9 cans and 2 bottles.	Peaches, ripe, 24 bushels.
Havelocks, 319.	Pie Plant, 56 pounds.
Horsradish, 1 keg, 1 sack, 63 jars and 228 bottles.	Pepper Sauce, 106 bottles.
Head Covers, 13.	Puzzles, 6.
Ice, 81 tons.	Pickles, 662 brls., 312 half brls., 472 kegs, 6 firkins, 11 crocks, 77 bottles, 708 cans and jars.
Ice-cream Freezers, 2.	Portable Lemonade, 300 cans.
Knives and Forks, 1,208.	Paper, writing, 232 reams.
Kettles, 13.	Rice, 921 pounds.
Lard Oil, 2 kegs and 1 can.	Raisins, 19 boxes.
Lanterns, 128.	Rags, Bandages and Lint, 54,222 pounds.
Lumber, 14,500 feet.	Shawls, 54.
Lemons, 131 boxes and 83 dozen.	Spit Cups, 1,125.
Liquorice, 6 pounds.	Slippers, 6,549 pairs.
Lemon, extract of, 120 jars.	Sheets, 37,677.
Lemon Syrup, 141 bottles.	Socks, 47,691 pairs.
Linseed Oil, 1 keg.	Shirts, 99,127.
Lobsters, 26 cans.	Strainers, 20.
Lard, 41 pounds.	Slippery Elm Flour, 2 packages.
Ladies, 2.	Shoulders, pork, 556 pounds.
Meats, 4,165 cans.	Strawberries, 24 boxes.
Mittens, 5,260 pairs.	Sardines, 23 boxes.
McLean's Pills, 6 boxes.	Sausages, 375 pounds.
Mineral Plant, 250 boxes.	Spittoons, 292.
Milk, 129 gallons.	Straw, 79 bales.
Mattresses, 472.	Sponges, 15 packages.
Melons, 7.	
Mustard, 894 boxes, 13 pounds and 102 bottles.	
Mops, 78.	

Scissors, 24 pairs.	Tongues, dried, 717.
Stretchers, 16.	Toast, dry, 26 brls. and 1,528 pounds.
Stone Jugs, 612.	Tumblers, 762.
Sage, 991 pounds.	Tea, 1,479½ pounds.
Soap, 3,500 pounds, 1,017 cakes, 168 bars and 6 boxes.	Tables, 34.
Spoons, table and tea, 2,028.	Teapots, 33.
Sugar, 5,578½ pounds.	Tapioca, 34 pounds.
Shovels, 6.	Tobacco, 2,512 papers, 8½ boxes, 477 pounds and 3 brls.
Spices, 6 boxes, 67 pkgs, and 15 pounds.	Thread, patent, 32 pounds.
Skimmers, 14.	Tomatoes, ripe, 3½ bushels.
Suspenders, 540 pairs.	Turkeys, live and dressed, 29.
Salt, 1 brl. and 404 pounds.	Tomatoes, cans, 1,200.
Sticking Salve, 6 boxes and 11 rolls.	Urinals, 125.
Saucepans, 60.	Vests, 529.
Sour Krout, 851 brls., 189 half brls., 8 kegs and 5 jars.	Vermicelli, 70 pounds.
Starch, 6,459 pounds.	Vinegar, 19 brls, 3 kegs, 4 jugs and 10 bottles.
Solitaire Boards, 22.	Wines, Liquors and Cordials, 26,592 bottles.
Towels, 61,220.	Wash Stands, 100.
Tin Cups, 2,341.	White Lead, 1 keg.
Tincture of Blackberry Root, 5 gallons.	Whitewash Brushes, 24.
Turnips, 87 bushels.	Yeast Powders, 20 pounds.
Tamarinds, 6 jars.	Yeast Cakes, 26 pounds.
Thumb-stalls, 22.	Yeast Sacks, 7.
Tin Plates, 1,062.	
Tinware, assorted, 2 boxes.	

C THE "SOLDIERS' HOME" OF THE CINCINNATI BRANCH OF THE U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION,

From the Opening, May 15, 1862, to December 1, 1864.

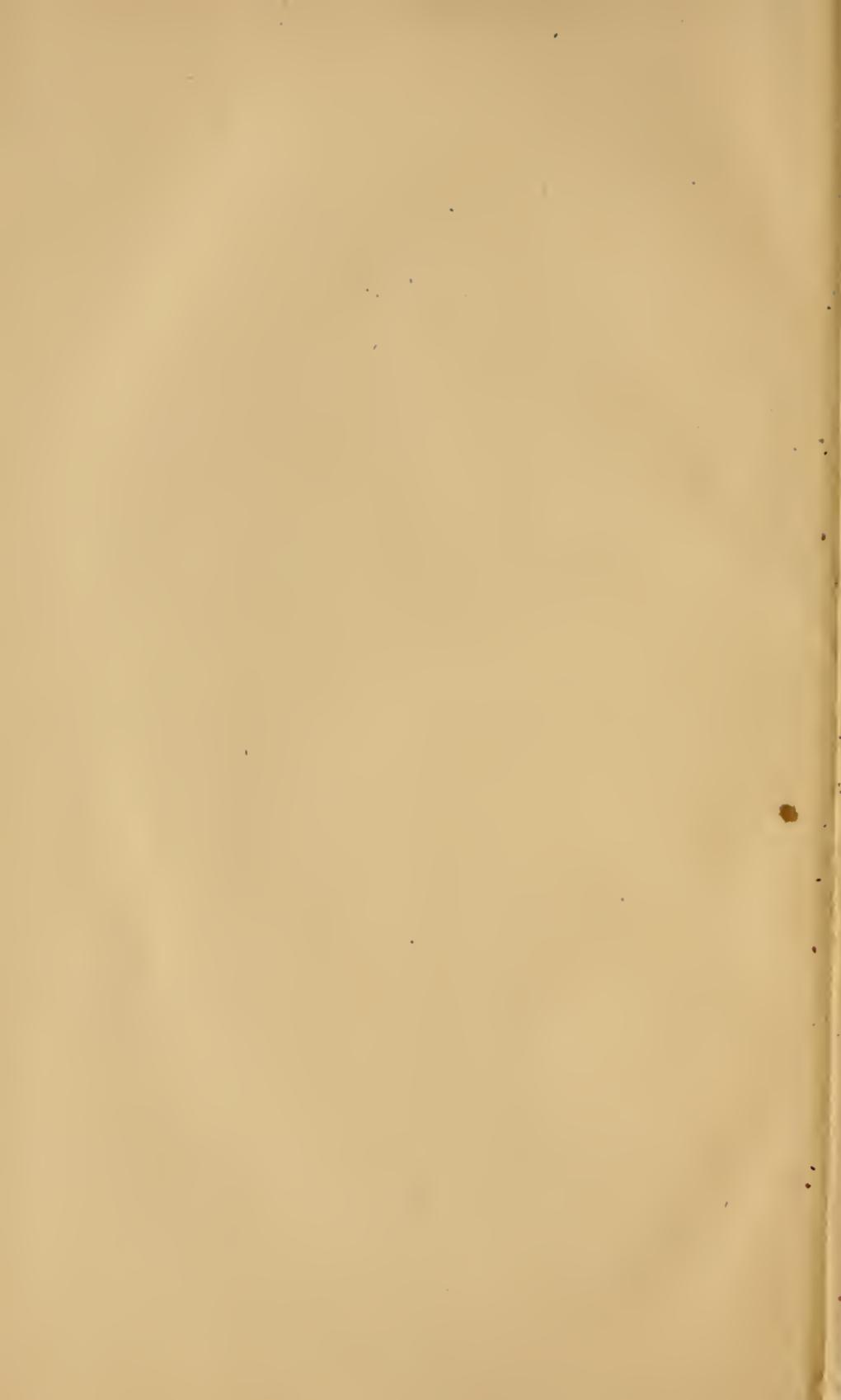
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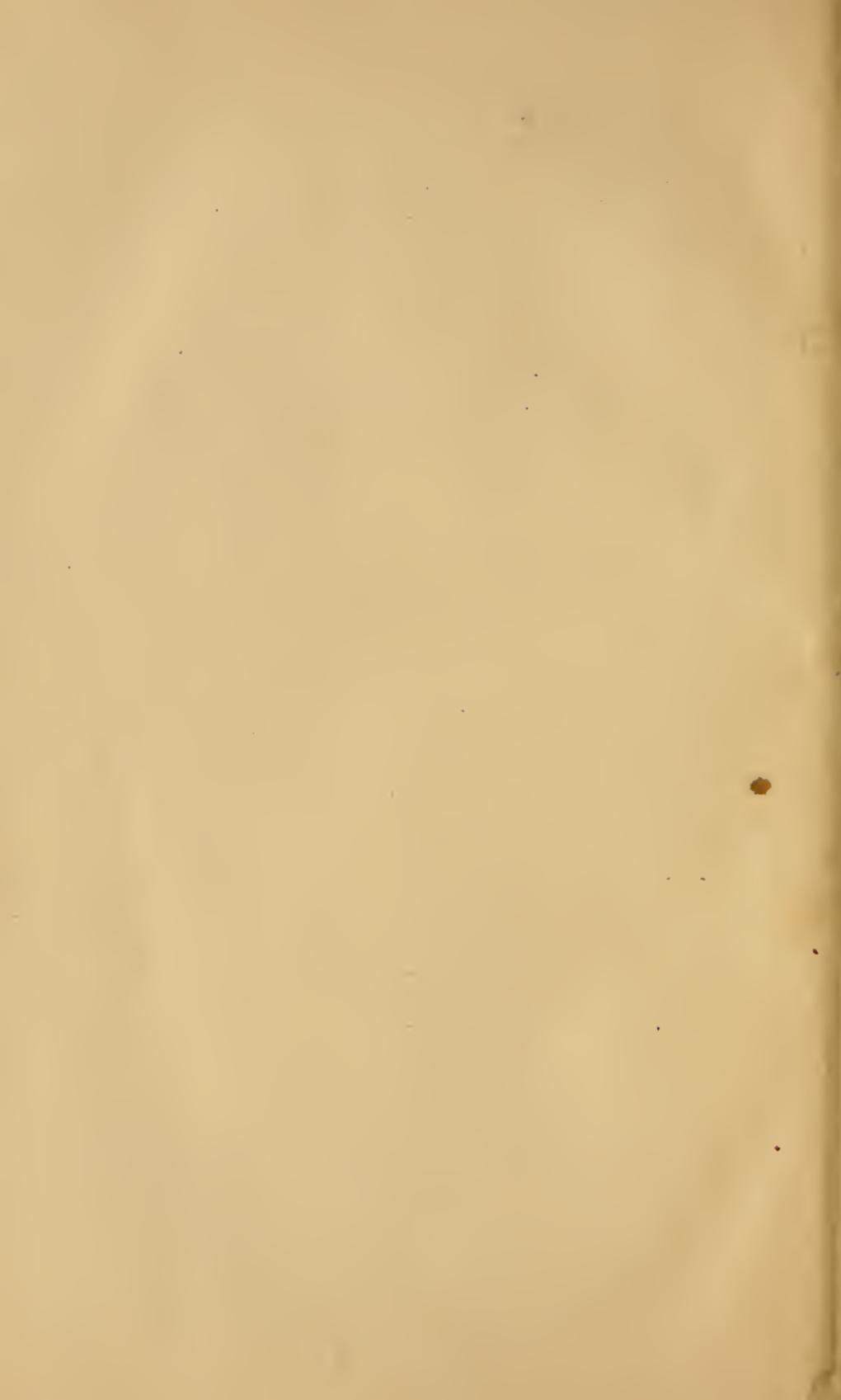
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To Donations	\$98 53	By Furniture and Household Wares	\$1,288 14
To Cincinnati Branch United States Sanitary Com- mission—Cash	5,575 84	By Groceries, not embraced in the Rations	928 06
To Cincinnati Branch United States Sanitary Com- mission—Stores—estimated.....	2,945 19	By Incidental Expenses.....	571 94
To United States Subsistence Department—Rations— estimated.....	26,910 11	By Tee.....	349 85
To United States Quartermaster's Department—Rent..	2,185 00	By Meat and Vegetables, not embraced in Rations.....	1,894 53
To United States Quartermaster's Department—Fuel..	1,612 98	By Repairs of Buildings occupied by "Home"	1,074 56
To United States Quartermaster's Department—Stoves and Pipe.....	113 30	By Stationery.....	199 86
To Cincinnati Gas Light and Coke Company—Gas— Donated.....	363 04	By Salary of Superintendent—28½ months.....	3,064 97
To Cincinnati Water Department—Water Rent—do- nated—estimated	1,412 49	By Salary of Commissary	1,561 00
		By Wages of 16 Servants	6,777 61
		By Washing and Ironing—Bedclothing and Towels..	660 53
		By Rations and Stores—consumed	16,246 58
		By Rent—paid	2,848 00
		By Fuel—consumed	1,612 98
		By Stoves and Pipe—in use	113 30
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